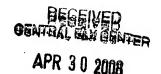
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(1) Rej.	1 (Now 29)	<u>Holtorf</u>				
(2) Rej.	4 (Now 32)	Reimels				
(3) <u>Rej.</u>	12 (Now 40)	Burbank				
(4) <u>Rej.</u>	15 (Now 43)	Burbank				
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Brief Description of Argument to be Presented:						
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ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

- #1 Claims 29: Holtorf does not appear to teach a foot pedal delivering one pulse of air to a control air inlet in the console. Rather, Holtorf appears to suggest that a signal is generated by the foot pedal related to the magnitude of foot pedal depression. See Col. 4, Lines 5-6 of Holtorf). Moreover, in Claim 1 (now Claim 29), the claim is not limited to one pulse of air.
- #2 Claims 32: Reimels does not appear to teach adjusting a fluid flow rate based on a <u>duration</u> of foot pedal depression. Rather, it appears that Reimels adjusts the fluid flow rate based on the <u>amount</u> of depression. (See Col. 5, Line 51 Col. 6, Line 9 of Reimels).
- #3 Claim 40: Burbank does not appear to disclose a sensor "in contact with" a flexible tubing. The Burbank reference shows an ultrasonic sensor which depends on sound waves and not on mechanical contact between the sensor and the flexible tubing. Also, Figure 4 of Burbank shows a gap between the ultrasonic sensor 30 and the flexible tubing.
- #4 Claim 43: Burbank does not show a force sensor "in contact with" rollers. Support for a force sensor is found in paragraph 10 of the instant application.

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